

Annual List of Rule-Making Activity
Rules Adopted January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Prepared by the Secretary of State, pursuant to 5 MRSA, §8053-A, sub-§5

Agency name: **Public Utilities Commission**
Umbrella-Unit: **65-407**
Statutory authority: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 101, 104, 111, 301, 304, 705(3)
Chapter number/title: **Ch. 870**, Late Payment Charges, Internet Rates to be Paid on Customer Deposits, and Charges for Returned Checks
Filing number: **2014-114**
Effective date: 6/7/2014
Type of rule: Routine Technical
Emergency rule: No

Principal reason or purpose for rule:

The Public Utilities Commission adopts amendments to Ch. 870, *Late Payment Charges, Interest Rates to be Paid on Customer Deposits, and Charges for Returned Checks*, to establish a just and reasonable interest rate for customer deposits.

Basis statement:

The factual and policy basis for this rule is set forth in the Commission's "Order Adopting Amended Rule and Statement of Factual and Policy Basis", Docket No. 2014-00065, issued on May 23, 2014, and Docket No. 2009-259, issued on October 21, 2009; and Docket No. 1995-223, issued on October 4, 1995. Copies of the Order and Statement have been filed with this rule at the Office of the Secretary of State in the Commission's Notice of Rulemaking, Commission Docket No 2014-00065. Copies may also be obtained from the Administrative Director of the Public Utilities Commission, 18 SHS, Augusta, Maine 04333-0018.

Fiscal impact of rule:

Minimal

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Statutory authority: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 101, 111, 7225
Chapter number/title: Ch. 201 (New), Provider of Last Resort Service Quality
Filing number: 2014-132
Effective date: 7/27/2014
Type of rule: Major substantive
Emergency rule: No

Principal reason or purpose for rule:

The Public Utilities Commission finally adopts rules to establish service quality indicators and standards for Provider of Last Resort (POLR) providers pursuant to recently enacted legislation.

Basis statement:

This Chapter establishes the service quality indicators and standards for providers of Provider of Last Resort (POLR) service. It also describes the requirements and procedures governing Commission investigations regarding failures to meet the service quality standards and penalties, rebates or rate reductions.

Fiscal impact of rule:

Minimal